(b) the targets fixed for the same; and

(c) the details of achievements made in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHARIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) An amount of Rs. 75.86 Crores has been released by National Literacy Mission (NLM) since inception for Total Literacy Campaigns, Post Literacy Programmes and Continuing Education programmes in Rajasthan. An amount of Rs. 63.32 Crores has been utilized upto January, 2002 as reported by the State Government.

(b) and (c) NLM aims to attain a sustainable threshold level of 75% literacy by 2005. Details of achievement in literacy in Rajasthan, as per Census 2001 (Provisional) are as follows:—

Rajasthan: Achievement in Literacy (in %)

	1991	2001	Decadal Increase
Total Literacy	38.55	61.03	22.48
Male	54.99	76.46	21.47
Female	20.44	44.34	23.90

Girl Trafficking

1417. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item 'No Red Lights on this Road to Hell' published in the Hindustan Time dated the 27th January, 2002; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to stop girl trafficking as well as to rescue estimated two lakh Nepali girl forced into immoral trafficking in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMNT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is very much concerned about the phenomenon of inter-country and intra-country trafficking and has formulated a National Plan of Action to combat trafficking in women and children. The Plan of action

serves as a blueprint for States/UTs for policy and programmatic interventions for prevention of Trafficking and rescue and rehabilitaiton of victims. The State Governments have also constituted Coordination Committees and have taken action to notify special police officers; set up advisory boards for social workers and NGOs; conducting of regular raids in red light areas. In case of rescue of Nepali girls, steps are taken for their repatriation.

The SAARC countries have pledged to coordinate and take effective measures under the SAARC Convention of Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution, which have been ratified by the Member Countries at the Eleventh SAARC Summit held at Kathmandu in January, 2002. Through this Convention, it is hoped to promote and foster regional cooperation to deal with various aspects of this problem.

Increments to lecturers with Ph.D.

1418. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed benefit of two increments to Lecturers with Ph.D. when they are promoted to Selection Grade as Reader, *vide* para 1(ii) (c) of letter No. F.1-22/97-UI dated the 27th July, 1998;

(b) whether the above benefit has not been allowed so far to some promotee Readers having Ph.D. in Central Hindi Sansthan, Agra, inspite of Delhi High Court's directions and UGC's clarification in this regard; and

(c) if so, the justification therefor and by when such Readers would be given benefit of two increments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Kendriya Hindi Sansthan is being instructed to take appropriate action in the matter of grant of advance increments to the eligile Readers/Selection Grade Lecturers in the light of clarifications recently furnished by UGC.

Foreign visits by educational/literary/cultural delegations

†1419. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.